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SUBJECT: USG/RP TRADE TALKS

1. BUSINESS DAY OF AUGUST 15 CARRIED FRONT-PAGE STORY
CAPTIONED "US CUTS TARIFF ON SIX RP EXPORTS." ARTICLE
QUOTES TRADE DEPUTY MINISTER VALDEPENAS AS SAYING THAT
TRADE CONCESSIONS HAD BEEN EXCHANGED WITH US ON A RANGE
OF PRODUCTS BUT THAT SUGAR AND TOBACCO WERE NOT
RPT NOT GRANTED TARIFF REDUCTIONS.

2. VALDEPENAS CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF THAT NEGOTIATIONS
HAD TAKEN PLACE ON AUG. 4 WITH US DEL HEADED BY ASST. STR
LANDE WITH AMB. WOLFF PARTICIPATING ON GOP SIDE, VALDEPENAS
WAS SECONDED BY VEGA. VALDEPENAS SAID THAT PRINCIPAL
BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES WERE RESOLVED. EMBOFF ASKED IF
THERE WOULD BE FURTHER MEETINGS AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER
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SAID THAT HE THOUGHT NOT RPT NOT, UNLESS USG COULD BE
MORE FORTHCOMING ON SUGAR OR TOBACCO. HE ADDED THAT MTN
DISCUSSION WOULD BE OPEN UNTIL DEC. 15 AND NEW ISSUES
MIGHT ARISE IN THE MEANTIME.

3. VALDEPENAS SAID THAT TURNING POINT IN TALKS WAS DECI-
SION WHICH HE AND VIRATA HAD MADE TO ALLOW TARIFF CUTS OF

OVER 50 PERCENT ON SEVERAL ITEMS. VEGA DID NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE HIS INSTRUCTIONS ALLOWED SUCH A LARGE CUT. IN GENERAL, VALDEPENAS WAS VERY PLEASED BY PROGRESS WHICH HE BELIEVED HAD BEEN MADE ON TRADE MATTERS DURING WASHINGTON MEETINGS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILED REPORT ON US/RP TALKS. MURPHY

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